



Final Decree Transition

Stakeholder Working Group Meeting Agenda

April 12, 2022, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Room 172 Capitol Building, Helena, MT
[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting Objectives:

- Build understanding and awareness around Final Decree process
 - Current issuance process
 - Current roles and responsibilities of Water Court and DNRC
 - Explore ideas around the best way for final decrees to be cohesively administered
- Explore ways to build consensus and find common ground
- Continue to build out processes to support the SWG's work
- Gather SWG input and guidance on priorities and next steps

9:00 AM	Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview
9:15 AM	Framing Questions and Clarify Purpose of Final Decree Transition SWG
9:30 AM	Definition of Terms - working draft
9:45 AM	Presentation: Framing Question #1 – Final Decrees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge Brown - Current final decree issuance process; roles and responsibility of Water Court• DNRC - Currently what happens after final decree is issued; roles and responsibility of DNRC in Final Decrees
10:45 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Discussion: Framing Question #1 – Final Decrees <i>What is the best way for adjudicated pre-1973 rights and new permits and changes (both as certificates of water rights) to be cohesively administered?</i>
Noon	Lunch

- 12:45 PM** **Discussion: Framing Question #1 – Final Decrees**
Are the current statute and rules adequate to meet that vision?
- o *Are the current statutory provisions for corrections of mistakes and errors in final decrees adequate?*
 - o *What notification process should be used?*
- 2:15 PM** **Public Comment/ Report out (time subject to change)**
- 2:30 PM** **SWG Work Plan, Summary of the Day, and Next Steps**
- Future meeting agendas
 - Determine SWG work needed prior to next meeting
 - Determine discussion focus for next meeting
 - Determine information needed from DNRC for next meeting
- 3:00 PM** **Adjourn**